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Atty. Dkt. No. 040356-0384

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hidetoshi ITO et al.
Title: EXHAUST EMISSION
CONTROL DEVICE
Appl. No.: 09/941,733
Filing Date: 8/30/2001
Examiner: Hien Thi Tran
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LETTER TO EXAMINER RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 30, 2001, consider and make of record the documents listed on the Form PTO/SB/08 accompanying the IDS, and an initialed copy of form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609 as soon as possible.

Applicants appreciate the efforts of Supervisory Examiner Glen Caldarola in attempt ng to locate a copy of the August 30, 2001 IDS in the PTO application file. In a phone conversation on June 12, 2006, Examiner Caldarola indicated that there was no copy of the August 30, 2001 IDS in the PTO application file, and requested that applicant fax to the PTO a copy of the IDS along with a request for consideration.

In accordance with Examiner Caldarola's request, applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 30, 2001, as well as the date-stamped postcard indicating receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Title: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE
Inventors: Hidetoshi ITO et al. Dkt. No. 040356-0384
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- Transmittal of Divisional Patent Application (2 pgs.);
- Patent Application Specification (11 pgs.);
- Formal Drawings (2 sheets);
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pgs.);
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.);
- Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.);
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.);
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



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hidetoshi ITO et al.

Title: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL
DEVICE

Appl. No.: Div. of 09/327,484

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO-1449 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. PTO in parent application Serial No. 09/327,484, filed 06/08/1999. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent application.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being cited in compliance with 37 CFR 51.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the foreign-language documents is explained in the parent application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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